

Dear EducationFinanceCommittee Chair Youakim and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to you today with my concerns about SF-1311/HF-1269, specifically the section concerning PSEO at schools that require a profession of faith. I understand the concerns about inclusivity and share them. I want everyone to feel welcome. I don't believe that cutting off certain schools because of this declaration adds to the feelings of inclusion.

I feel that it does reduce choice, however, some of those schools may choose to discontinue PSEO. Many students would choose to go there because of a feeling of welcome, because that is where their friends or family have gone or do go. PSEO funding only goes to non-sectarian classes as it is, which I agree with. I would love to see students of all beliefs have the options to choose where they would like to attend PSEO, saving money from the rising costs of education and gaining valuable life experience. Please consider changing the language of this bill. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

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